Global Support for Labor

Dozens of unions from around the world have sent letters expressing support for the AFT's efforts to protect workers' rights in Wisconsin.

Support Letters

Global and Regional Union Federations
Education International
Public Services International (PSI)
European Federation of Public Services Unions (EPSU)

Unions and Union Central Bodies
Australian Education Union (AEU)
CPSU – SPSF - public employee union (Australia)
GdG-KMSfB (Austria)
CGSP/Admi. (Belgium)
Independent Trade Union Federation of Workers in the energy Sector (Bulgaria)
Federation of Trade Unions – Health Services (Bulgaria)
Federation of Trade Unions – Burma
Canadian Association of University Teachers
Canadian Teachers’ Federation
National Union of Public and General Employees (Canada)
Public Service Alliance of Canada
Canadian Union of Public Employees
Centrale des syndicats du Québec (CSQ).
Trade Union of the Health Service and Social Care of the Czech Republic
FOA - Trade and Labour (Denmark)
HK/Government and Public Employees (Denmark)
Health, Pharmaceutical and Social Care Workers Independent Union of Georgia
Public Servants Trade-union of Georgia
German Education Union (GEW)
United Services Union (Germany)
Grenada Public Workers’ Union
National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers (Great Britain)
Public and Commercial Services Union (Great Britain)
Prospect – Union for Professionals (Great Britain)
Guyana Local Government Officers Union
Public Service Executive Union (Ireland)
Union of Clerical, Administrative and Public Employees (Israel)
Japan Teachers Union
Zennorin (Japan)
Kenya Union of Commercial Food and Allied Workers
Medical Employees Trade Union Federation of Mongolia
Abvakabo Fnv – public service union (the Netherlands)
Casa del Maestro (Nicaragua)
All Pakistan Public Sector Employees Federation
Alliance of Filipino Workers
Education, Science and Culture Trade Union of Slovenia
Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (South Africa)
St. Vincent and the Grenadines Public service Union
of FSP-UGT, public employee union (Spain)
UGT-FSP (Spain)
SKTF (Sweden)
Swedish Municipal Workers' Union
State Enterprises Workers’ Relations Confederation (SERC) (Thailand)
Windward Islands Civil Servants Union

Quotes

Federation of Trade Unions of Burma
While we have become sadly familiar with the military dictatorship’s regular denial of the right to form free and independent trade unions in Burma, we were shocked to learn of the Wisconsin Governor’s proposal to deny collective bargaining rights to public workers, a right guaranteed by international labor standards which the U.S. is committed to upholding.

State Enterprises Workers’ Relations Confederation (Thailand)
The Wisconsin State Governor, instead of implementing assistance measures for affected people, chose to ruthlessly aggravate people’s distress. This reminds us that no matter where we are in this world, what gender, race, skin color, or belief, we must always support each other. We believe that workers are all brothers and sisters, and we shall always keep in mind that "An injury to one is an injury to all," so our only path is to stand up fighting or work as slaves.

Australian Education Union
These policies represent an unprecedented attack not only on the working conditions of teachers, but also ultimately, the learning conditions of students.
Please extend our solidarity to teachers and other workers in Wisconsin…
Your campaign against these policies is of international significance…

German Education Union
I have written a letter to Governor Walker telling him that his new bill is going to violate international labor laws. What is happening now in Wisconsin affects all public workers in your country and us in Europe as well.